

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

A complete listing of the claims is provided below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A cooling tower having a moist/wet region and sidewalls, wherein the cooling tower comprises generally plastic inserts ~~Inserts in~~ disposed within the moist/wet region of the cooling towers, ~~essentially consisting of plastic, which is characterized by the fact that the inserts are made of a plastic to which~~ wherein said generally plastic inserts include a suitable amount of additives that prevent subsequent soiling by microorganisms ~~are added in a suitable amount.~~
2. (Currently Amended) ~~Inserts as in~~ The cooling tower according to Claim 1, which are characterized by the fact that the wherein said inserts serve to optimize the heat exchange between air and water through distribution and trickling of the water.
3. (Currently Amended) ~~Inserts as in~~ The cooling tower according to Claim 2, which are characterized by the fact that the wherein said inserts are packages of plastic films arranged side by side.
4. (Currently Amended) ~~Inserts as in~~ The cooling tower according to Claim 2, which are characterized by the fact that the wherein said inserts are formed of trickle lattices or blocks.
5. (Currently Amended) ~~Inserts as in~~ The cooling tower according to Claim 1, which are characterized by the fact that the wherein said inserts are plate heat exchangers, water-carrying pipes, water-distributing nozzles, linings for the side walls of the cooling tower and/or collectors, ~~and/or~~ and can form the side walls of the cooling tower.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~Inserts as in one of Claims 1 to 5~~ The cooling tower according to Claim 1, which are characterized by the fact that wherein the plastic material is a thermoplastic.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~Inserts as in~~ The cooling tower according to Claim 6, which are characterized by the fact that wherein the plastic material is PVC.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~Inserts as in one of Claims 1 to 7~~ The cooling tower according to Claim 1, which are characterized by the fact that wherein the ~~added~~ additives are biocides.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~Inserts as in one of Claims 1 to 8~~ The cooling tower according to Claim 1, which are characterized by the fact that wherein the additives contain noble metals and/or noble metal compounds.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~Inserts as in one of Claims 1 to 9~~ The cooling tower according to Claim 1, which are characterized by the fact that wherein the additives are added to the plastic before its processing.